



# SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Augusta Circle Elementary School  
GREENVILLE COUNTY  
Grades: K-5 Enrollment: 522  
Principal: Kerry Bannister  
Superintendent: Mr. Burke Royster  
Board Chair: Mr. Chuck Saylor

**PERFORMANCE** Comprehensive detail, including definitions of ratings, performance criteria, and explanations of status, is available on [www.ed.sc.gov](http://www.ed.sc.gov) and [www.eoc.sc.gov](http://www.eoc.sc.gov) as well as school and school district websites. Printed versions are available from school districts upon request.

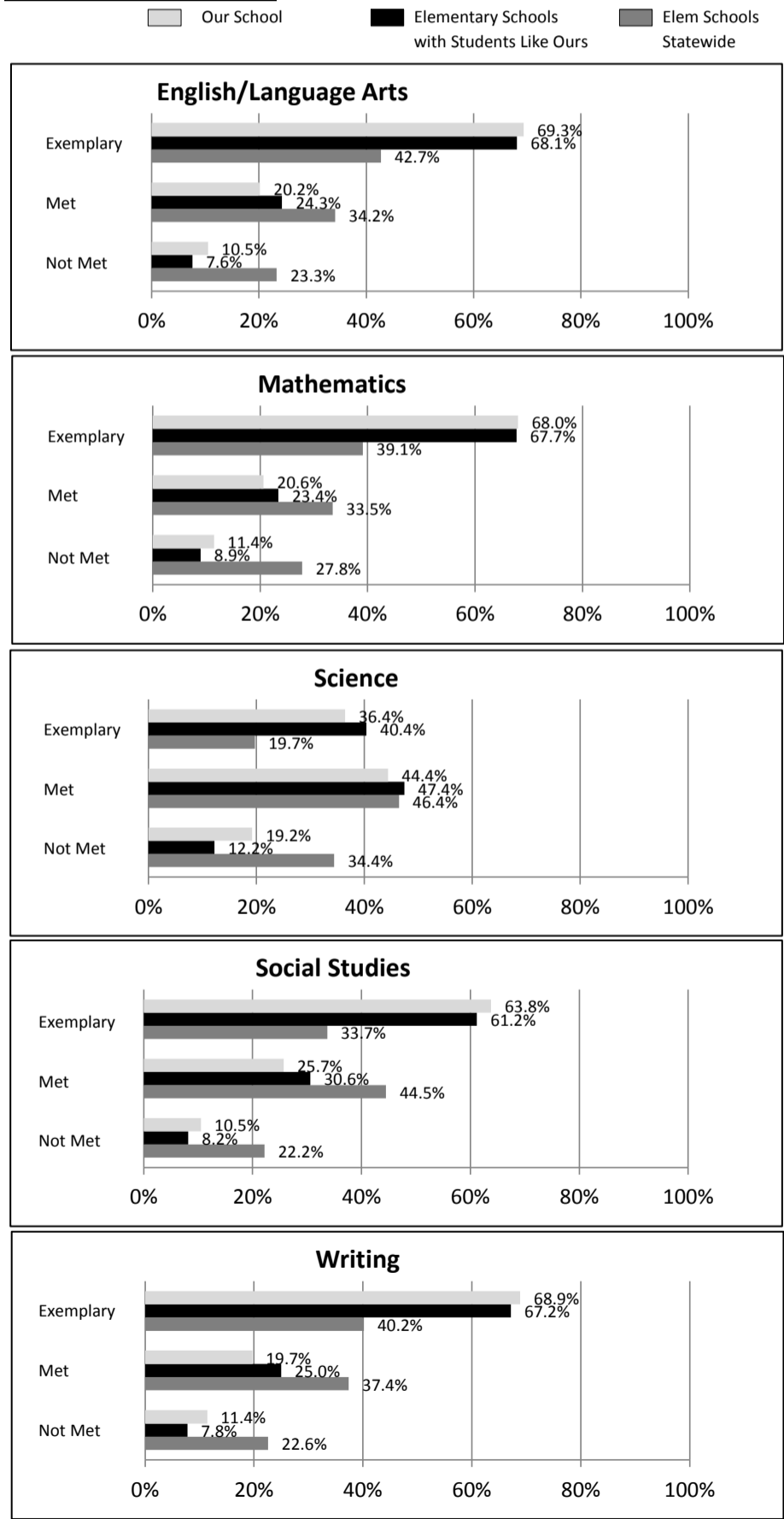
YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD		ESEA/FEDERAL ACCOUNTABILITY RATING SYSTEM	
			General Performance	Closing the Gap	ESEA Grade	Accountability Indicator
2014	Excellent	Good	TBD	TBD	B	N/A
2013	Excellent	Good	GOLD	N/A	B	N/A
2012	Excellent	Excellent	GOLD	N/A	A	N/A

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS\*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
13	0	0	0	0

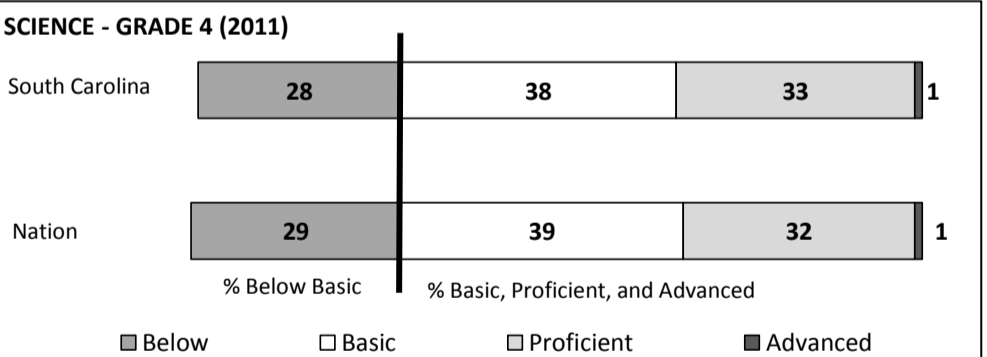
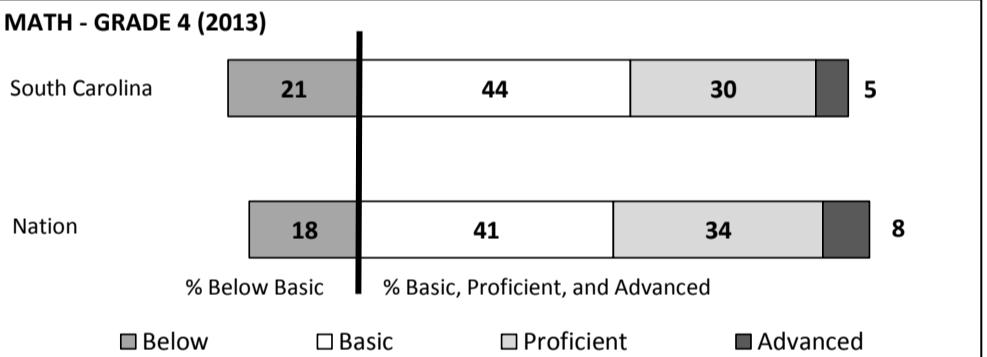
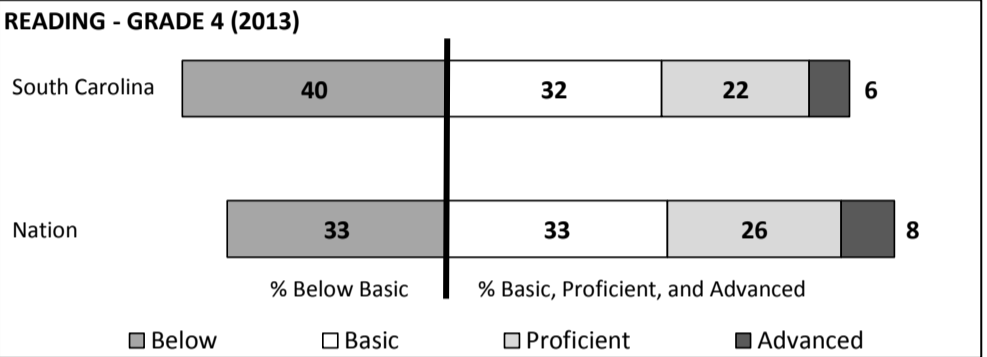
\* Ratings are calculated with data available by 04/27/2015. Schools with Students Like Ours are Elementary Schools with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.

SC PASS PERFORMANCE



NAEP\*

\*Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level. Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels.



SC PERFORMANCE VISION

By 2020 all students will graduate with the knowledge and skills necessary to compete successfully in the global economy, participate in a democratic society and contribute positively as members of families and communities.

Abbreviations Key

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SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Elementary Schools
Students (n = 522)				
Retention rate	0.2%	Down from 0.4%	0.7%	1.0%
Attendance rate	97.9%	Up from 97.7%	97.2%	96.5%
Served by gifted and talented program	20.5%	Up from 19.1%	19.1%	7.3%
With disabilities	12.4%	Up from 10.1%	11.7%	12.5%
Older than usual for grade	0.4%	Down from 0.8%	0.8%	1.8%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0%	No change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n = 31)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	64.5%	Down from 66.7%	64.8%	62.3%
Continuing contract teachers	74.2%	Up from 73.3%	84.5%	81.2%
Teachers returning from previous year	88.2%	Down from 89.3%	90.6%	88.4%
Teacher attendance rate	94.6%	Down from 94.7%	96.3%	95.3%
Average teacher salary*	\$46,502	Up 0.4%	\$49,780	\$47,902
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	3.4%	Up from 0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Professional development days/teacher	21.6 days	Up from 14.7 days	11.2 days	10.9 days
School				
Principal's years at school	14.0	Up from 13.0	7.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	21.4 to 1	Up from 20.9 to 1	21.4 to 1	19.9 to 1
Prime instructional time	91.4%	Down from 92.0%	92.2%	90.7%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	96.4%	Down from 100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Character development program	Average	No change	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$6,652	Up 15.8%	\$7,544	\$7,680
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	63.8%	Down from 64.0%	68.9%	66.8%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	63.3%	Up from 63.0%	67.9%	66.0%
ESEA composite index score	88.8	Up from 86.7	95.8	85.7

\* Length of contract = 185+ days.  
\*\*Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	36	70	29
Percent satisfied with learning environment	100.0%	88.5%	93.1%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0%	91.3%	93.3%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	100.0%	91.5%	93.1%

\*Only students at the highest elementary school grade level at this school and their parents were included.

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REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Augusta Circle Elementary School (ACE) has a “Legacy of Excellence and Leadership.” It is a National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence, a Palmetto’s Finest School, and a Red Carpet school. It is a traditional elementary school serving a student population of 517 students. Nestled in an urban neighborhood in Greenville, S.C., ACE is the focal point of the community and is rich in the tradition and the history of the city. The school offers a rigorous academic program and continues to maintain high expectations for all its students.

2013-2014 was another exciting and successful school year. We won our tenth state Palmetto Gold award because our PASS achievement score was Excellent. We won our tenth Attendance Blitz Award for having the Overall Highest Daily Attendance of any school in the district. Our music teacher received an Artist-in-Residence grant for drummer Jim Solomon to teach Conga/Percussion Ensembles to our 4th graders.. Our PTA won a \$1200 grant from the Metropolitan Arts Council for our Cultural Arts Week.

The PTA and School Improvement Council (SIC) had another productive year under the leadership of Jenna Howard and Julie Wilson (PTA Co-Presidents) and Sean Turner (SIC Chairman). Special events included six service projects, a family outreach program for ACE at-risk students, a Tanzania Cultural Arts Week and Grandparents and Special Friends’ Week. Over 263 volunteers contributed 14,988 hours of work to the school.

As a learning community, teachers implemented Continuous Improvement Quality Tools, Compass Learning technology, and Focused Learning strategies to meet our goals of (1) improving student achievement in reading and math and (2) closing the gap between FARM and non-FARM students. We continue to be the school where “Children are the Heart,” and where there is a “Legacy of Leadership and Excellence.”

Kerry Bannister, Principal

Sean Turner, SIC Chairman

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